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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms, COPS

FROM: The Director

This is a cry in the wilderness! I am so fed up with reading telegrams having so many useless pseudonyms as to make them totally meaningless or indecipherable to me, that I am about to go on a telegram reading strike and will leave to your shop the job of deciphering and presentation.

Despite the attempt to keep a list of pseudonyms here, practically every telegram has the indication that the true reading for the pseudonym will be forwarded in due course and by the time that reaches me the telegram has long since departed.

I honestly believe that pseudonyms should be reserved for agents and others whose identity should be kept secret. If you want me to learn 20 or more pseudonyms such as KUBARK, ODACID, ODYOKE, etc., I will willingly do so, but I have about reached the end of my patience on reading telegrams where pseudonyms abound and the content becomes unintelligible or misleading if everyone is not carefully broken out.

Signed

A.W.D.

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0-Addressee

1-ER

1-DCI

1-Reading